IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a vertically aligned liquid crystal display, said method comprising the steps of:

dividing one field of a digital drive signal into a plurality of subfields for the digital drive signal to be supplied to the liquid crystal display per subfield, the subfields including at least ~~a~~ one first subfield having one pulse of the digital drive signal and being shorter than a given period for which an output light of a liquid crystal varies from a white level that is a saturated level, to a black level and ~~a~~ at least one second subfield having a plurality of pulses of the digital drive signal and being longer than the given period, the first subfield having one display-off period for which the liquid crystal is not driven and one display-on period for which the liquid crystal is driven and the second subfield having a plurality of pairs of equal length display-off periods for which the liquid crystal is not driven and ~~a plurality of~~ equal length display-on periods for which the liquid crystal is driven, ~~each~~ a total of the display-off period and the display-on period of the second subfield being shorter than the given period~~, the display-off period of the first subfield being equal to each display-off period of the second subfield, a ratio of the total of the display-on periods~~

~~of all of the subfields including the first and second subfields to the one field being in the range from 1 : 6 to 5 : 6~~; and

supplying ~~at least~~ a voltage equal to or higher than a saturated drive voltage as ~~a~~ the digital drive signal to the liquid crystal for each display-on period per subfield to modulate light incident in the liquid crystal.

Claims 2-3. (Cancelled)